



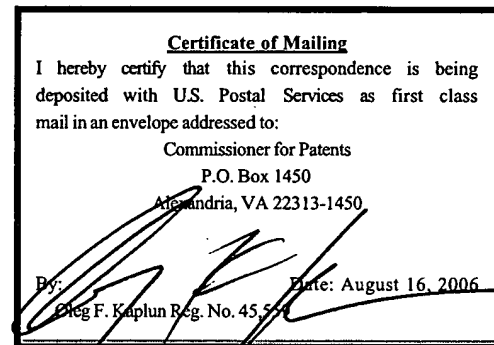
IFW

[40149/01601]

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Schultink et al.  
Serial No. : 10/582,651  
Filed : June 13, 2006  
For : Vacuum-Cleaner Bag and Method for Extending the Service Life of Vacuum-Cleaner Bags  
Group Art Unit : To Be Assigned  
Examiner : To Be Assigned

Mail Stop: Amendments  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



**TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith please find an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO-1449 form and nine (9) references for filing in the above-identified application. No fees are believed to be required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account of **Fay Kaplun & Marcin, LLP No. 50-1492** any additional required fees. A copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

Dated: August 16, 2006

By: [Signature]  
Oleg F. Kaplun (Reg. No. 45,559)

Fay Kaplun & Marcin, LLP  
150 Broadway, Suite 702  
New York, N.Y. 10038  
(212) 619-6000 (telephone)  
(212) 619-0276 (facsimile)



[40149/01601 - 069P 0448]

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Schultink et. al.  
Serial No. : 10/582,651  
Filed : June 13, 2006  
For : Vacuum-Cleaner Bag and Method for Extending the Service Life  
of Vacuum-Cleaner Bags  
Group Art Unit : To Be Assigned  
Examiner : To Be Assigned

Mail Stop: Amendments  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

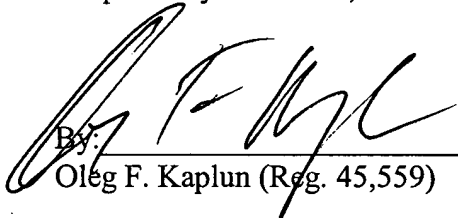
**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

1. In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609, attorneys for Applicants hereby bring the following nine (9) references to the attention of the Examiner. The references are listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.
2. A copy of each foreign patent, publication or other information, if any, listed on the modified PTO form 1449 is enclosed. However, U.S. Patents and U.S. Publications are not enclosed herewith.

3. By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants make no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.
4. By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants make no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).
5. By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants make no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. §102.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 16, 2006

  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Oleg F. Kaplun (Reg. 45,559)

Fay Kaplun & Marcin, LLP  
150 Broadway, Suite 702  
New York, NY 10038  
Tel: (212) 619-6000  
Fax: (212) 619-0276



<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  <b>FORM PTO-1449</b>	<b>ATTY. DOCKET NO.</b> 40149/01601	<b>SERIAL NO.</b> 10/582,651
	<b>APPLICANT(S)</b> Schultink et. al.	
	<b>FILING DATE</b> June 13, 2006	<b>GROUP</b>

**U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	PATENT NUMBER	PATENT DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE*

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE (M/D/Y)	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	DE 27 33 861	2/8/1979	DE			*	
	DE 38 00 252	2/2/1989	DE			*	
	EP 0 161 790	11/21/1985	EP				
	EP 0 338 479	10/25/1989	EP			*	
	AU-B-73975/94	2/6/1995	AU				
	DE 100 30 958	2/1/2001	DE			**	
	WO 01/08543	2/8/2001	PCT				
	EP 1 198 280	6/18/2003	EP				
	EP 0 960 645	8/27/2003	EP				

\* English Abstract is provided

\*\* Corresponds to PCT Published Application WO 01/08543 and Australian Patent Document AU-B-73975/94



OTHER DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	